Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, January 26, 1980, marked the One Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of former General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur; and,

WHEREAS, General MacArthur was born on January 26, 1880, son of General Arthur MacArthur, and graduated first in his class and with highest honors at West Point; and,

WHEREAS, He distinguished himself in service to his country during World War I as a General at a very young age, having been decorated numerous times; and,

WHEREAS, General MacArthur valiantly defended Corregidor in the Philippine Islands, heroically promising and prophesying, "I shall return." History recalls that he did return triumphant with freedom and dignity for the Philippine people; and,

WHEREAS, He proved himself a skillful architect of the occupation in Japan, nurturing the democratic spirit there in a most exemplary way, and exhibiting a masterful comprehension of our great American heritage of freedom and dignity for all men:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby pay tribute to one of the greatest Americans of all time

GENERAL DOUGLAS MacARTHUR

for the sense of purpose he conveyed to his own generation and the breadth of understanding, clarity of vision, and spiritual perception he will yet transmit to posterity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-One

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE